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DAYTIME TESTS OF SUN LINK STREETCAR BEGINS

On Thursday, October 3, 2013 and on Friday, October 4, 2013, from 10 a.m.to 3 p.m. the public will see daytime testing of the Sun Link streetcar along a fully electrified route for the first time. In addition, these daytime tests will also include driver training and certification. All Sun Link streetcars must undergo and pass specification, performance and safety tests to be ready for passenger service in the summer of 2014.

The loop for these daytime tests will be from the from the Sun Link Operations & Maintenance facility on Eighth Street, Fourth Avenue, to University Boulevard, stopping at Third Avenue and back. This specific route includes performance testing of key switching points. In addition to daytime tests, there could be nighttime testing along the streetcar route.

The public should be aware of that the Sun Link will be occupying the same travel line as vehicles and that

- Police officers will be in the area
- Testing personnel will be working around the streetcar
- Pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists will be interacting with this new transit option

Visit www.SunLinkStreetcar.com for more information about the project and streetcar testing. *Streetcar Street-Smart Safety* information for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists – how-to videos, brochures, and tips – is also available online.

The Tucson Sun Link Streetcar is a project of the RTA and part of the voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan that will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at *www.RTAmobility.com*. The Sun Link project is co-managed by the City of Tucson and the RTA.

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